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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US BY LUIGI VAN LEEUWEN

PASS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. LUIGI VAN LEEUWEN, MAYOR OF CAPELLE AAN DE IJSSEL HAS INFORMED US THAT HE WILL BE IN THE US FROM JUNE 8 - JUNE 22, IN ORDER TO STUDY "NEW TOWN" DEVELOPMENTS. HE LEARNED FROM THE NEW TOWN ASSOCIATION (NTA) THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) , HAS ASKED NTA TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXHIBITION IN COLUMBIA, MARYLAND TO COMMEMORATE ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY DURING JUNE. AS FAR AS MR VAN LEEUWEN KNOWS NTA WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING. HOWEVER, HE HAS OFFERED TO COME TO COLUMBIA DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 18 - 21 TO DELIVER A PAPER WHICH HE HAS PREPARED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DUTCH "NEW TOWN" POLICY. HE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE LAATER PAPER DURING A MEETING OF NEW TOWNS IN HOLLAND ON MAY 18.

2. MR VAN LEEUWEN WILL BE VISITING COLUMBIA IN ANY CASE DURING JUNE AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET AN OFFICIAL OF HUD WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS SUPPORTING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

3. MR VAN LEEUWEN CAME TO THE US IN 1971 ON A LEADER GRANT AND ALTHOUGH ONLY IN HIS MID THIRTIES HE IS LAREADY MAYOR OF CAPELLE AAN DE IJSSEL A "NEW TOWN" NEAR ROTTERDAM WITH A POPULATION OF 38.000. CAPELLE IS EXPECTED TO REACH 70.000 BY 1985. MR VAN LEEUWEN SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND IS VERY ARTICULATE. I AM SURE
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HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLUMBIA ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY.

PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST WHETHER OR NOT MR VAN LEEUWEN CAN BE FITTED INTO THE PROGRAM, AND ALSO THE NAME OF THE OFFICIAL IN HUD WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MR VAN LEEUWEN ABOUT NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS. HE WILL HAVE TO TRANSLATE HIS PAPER FROM DUTCH INTO ENGLISH

SO THAT IT IS VERY URGENT FOR HIM TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE MAY
PARTICIPATE IN THE COLUMBIA CEREMONY.
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